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## LA FOLLETTE AND TAFT.

It is not to be supposed that the Republican National Convention will name Senator La Follette or any other insurgent for the Presidency. That party has not acquired the habit of borrowing candidates from the enemy, and there is no real difference between a Republican insurgent and a Populist-Democrat. The precedents to follow date back to 1872, when greater Republicans than La Follette were in the train of a far more famous insurgent, and when the stand-patters not only held their own but achieved a remarkable triumph.

La Follette represents no Republican principle. In his tariff views he is a Democrat; in his views of constitutional policy he is a Populist and Socialist; in his methods he is a disruptionist. As a candidate for president he could not carry a single Eastern or Southern state, and the states he could carry would not bring him in telescopic sight of the road to the White House.

As things look now the one man who could get the Republican nomination and carry the most states is Wm. H. Taft. Whether he could be elected is too early to say. If hard times should come a Democrat might win; if prosperity should keep on there could be no good reason for a change. And a thing to generally count on in good times and bad alike is that Republicans have an affection for their party and a doubt of the Democracy which, as the canvass progresses, usually consolidates them, and when they get together, good-bye Democracy for another four years.

## RURAL ROAD-BUILDING ELSEWHERE.

The average county road in the state of New York, such as has served the rural traffic of that rich commonwealth for over a century, is one of the least expensive of public utilities. During the past few years, since automobiles came in, the State has joined with localities in rebuilding the main highways, and we note a complaint in a village paper that a whole mile of such a thoroughfare was made to cost over \$2500. But the lateral roads, penetrating the farm regions, are of most simple construction and economical cost.

Originally these roads were cut through forest and built of logs covered with dirt—corduroy roads they were called. Then as the woods were cleared away and the land dried out, the abundant cobbles were put in place of logs, covered with gravelly dirt and packed down by travel. Bridges were built by the town, the money being voted at the annual town-meeting. A small fraction of the taxes were for the support of roads and this could be paid either in cash or labor. Usually the farmers gave their labor for three or four days in the spring. Under the direction of the "pathmaster," of which every school district had one, they turned out with plows and scrapers, cleared the ditches and filled every mudhole with cobbles and small stones, packing dirt on top. And these roads served the traffic until the next spring. It may be doubted that, in labor and cash, the average school district spent over \$300.

Generally a similar course is taken in all the Eastern states, though as remarked, the demands of automobilists have made the main lines of travel more expensive, though the price is nothing to what obtains in this country of abundant rock and labor.

The morning paper's Philadelphia "cablegram" about the defeat of the New York Giants is another fraud. The Star makes the usual challenge to the Advertiser to print any original dispatch on the subject from which, of course, the morning paper will have to make the usual sidestep. The only paper in town which published the baseball news as it came was yesterday afternoon's Star—but that is getting to be an old story. We may add that the Advertiser has received no cable regarding any offer to Yuan Shai Kai of the "premiership" of China, there being no such office, the afternoon dispatches which it "embellished" referring to Yuan Shai Kai in a military capacity.

The little old port of Honolulu, which was a mere wet patch besides the present harbor, once held 200 whalers at a time. Now when great cargo boats, quickly coming and going, have practically driven the congesting wind-jammers out, there is talk of spending a million or so in harbor extension, the people, of course, going in debt for it. And the Advertiser, in its eagerness to say something whether it knows anything or not, tries to commend the costly enterprise by urging that the port is going to be crowded with Panama business—and this despite the maps of distance and the conclusive argument of Rear Admiral Cowles about the laws governing commerce.

The Turkish press is far at sea in saying that the assault of Italy on Turkey is due to the hostility of Christianity to Islam. That is a mere plea for a holy war. The so-called Christian powers no longer fight for religion's sake and make no fuss about permitting the Mohammedan faith to flourish within their colonial borders. And Italy concerns herself so little with the politics of Christianity, that she has long since deprived the Pope himself of his territorial heritage and lately proclaimed entire religious tolerance among the followers of the prophet in Tripoli.

The relation of preparedness to peace is made clear by the events in the Mediterranean and China. If Turkey had been ready to fight by land and sea, Italy would have not attacked her, and the peace of Europe would not have been insanely broken. Likewise if the government of China were competent to defend herself, she would not now be in peril of her life at the hands of an undisciplined horde of rebels and a fly-by-night government back of them with only a couple of millions of stage money to draw upon.

The Allen site plan has also aroused the animosity of the Bulletin, which lives there and which fears that, if the place is taken by the government, there will be another moving day before the funeral. As for the Advertiser it is getting desperate over the vicissitudes of the out-of-town Irwin-Kakaako site, lest it make another losing battle. The poor old thing ought to be used to that sort of misfortune by this time.

The new trade which Hawaii should seek is trade with the Northwest. This is practical; it has no day-dream aspects, and it doesn't depend on an event of which the coast ports will get the benefit. The Northwest wants products which we supply and it has products to sell which we need. Besides all this the coming northwestern empire wants a handy winter resort other than those of frost-bitten California.

Dynamite is too easily bought. It ought to be as hard to get without an order from the authorities as is poison without a prescription from the doctors.

As for the Frear charges you may now dispose of them by fire in the back yard or set them out at the curbstone to be gathered by the garbage men.

The first step to improve the original civic center was to build a new morgue. The institution may come in handy for the Irwin site project.

Mr. Ashford seems to have settled the matter by electing a Democratic president who will turn Frear out.

Get a transfer to an Irwin-Kakaako site postoffice. You can walk to the Allen block.

Shall we bring the civic center into town or carry it towards Kakaako?

## Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

I like to talk of pleasant things, that make one's spirit light, so when some dreary gossip brings a tale that reeks with spite, some stale and dismal anecdote about a neighbor's faults, I straightway get that gossip's goat and tell him he must waltz. "This life is short, my friend," I say, "for us poor mortal skates, and every man who goes his way has got some foolish traits. But every man, as you will find, if you should seeking start, has some good qualities of mind, some virtues in his heart. And I have found it better far to help poor human jays to hitch their wagons to a star, by giving words of praise, than to discourage them and mock by saying bitter things; so soak your head and take a walk, and don't come back, by jings!"

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WALT MASON.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

E. P. IRWIN—Running a weekly paper is not all fun and joy. If any one wants a strenuous time let them try the game for a while.

WALTER DRAKE—Some of those Kauai trails are tough ones to tackle, and Deputy Hellbron did good work in locating that still over near Koolau.

EXPERT STARRETT—Kauai is a fine island and I enjoyed my trip among the sugar plantations. Kapaa looks good to me and I think that small farming is a fine scheme for the district.

JOS. ROMAN—I always keep track of all hats that pass through my hands. In that way I was able to return a Panama to a newspaperman yesterday. The hat had been stolen and was brought to me to be cleaned. I notified the real owner, and he was very much pleased about the matter.

W. R. CHILTON—I have been looking into Jim Quinn's complaint that Lorrin K. Smith attempted some time ago to steal a woman passenger from

Quinn's car while the same was in motion and find that he gave me a "bum steer." I have interviewed some of the parties who were in Quinn's car and they know nothing of the affair, only that auto No. 30 driven by Lorrin K. Smith passed them on the evening in question, the occupants singing Hawaiian songs, and the latter were invited to drop back and sing some more for the benefit of the people in Quinn's car who were mostly malihinis. The boys in Smith's car did this and the girls in Quinn's car thanked them and shook hands with them from car to car. Smith then pulled ahead, turned round and returned to town. One of the occupants of Quinn's car said to me that if any one tried to steal a woman out of any car that he was in he would surely know about it. I have used up a lot of time looking into this matter which I considered serious enough to merit investigation and I don't thank Mr. Quinn a bit for misleading me as he has deliberately done.

## "Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

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The above ad, appeared in the morning paper yesterday. Don't all speak at once!

What's become of the Tripoli war?

Maybe the grand jury will have something to say in the matter of Johnny Wilson's charges.

You can fool some people part of the time and the others the rest of the time.

A little widow now and then Will land the most discreet of men.

Many a fisherman waits with baited breath.

A new cherry has been discovered on Kauai. Another proof that "Yellow Peril" Hobson and "Calamity" Homer Lea are right about the Japanese.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has evidently got sense enough to stay in Chicago.

The evil scent: The municipal garbage wagon.

It's the privilege of a hatter to size a man up.

The arrangements to have a well-known aviator do a series of stunts here in January are all in the air as yet.

Blind people nearly always feel well.

With the fishing season now under way the question arises whether the cork is pulled under oftener by the fish than it is pulled out by the fisherman? Statistics on this subject are invited.

The Slipper speaking to the Corset remarked that he of the two had the more fun, as he danced nearly every night.

"Oh, I don't know," exclaimed the Corset, "I'm on a big bust all the time."

Providence sends the naughty wind That blows the skirts knee-high; But God is good and sends the dust That blows in the bad man's eye.

Society notes:  
The list of calling days in Honolulu has recently been revised and is now published for the first time. It is as follows:  
Mondays—Kakaako, Kewalo, Tanerery.  
Tuesdays—Molili, Government Stables, Prewery.  
Wednesdays—Insane Asylum, Dowsett Lane.  
Thursdays—River Street, Vineyard Street Camp.  
Fridays—Fishmarket.  
Saturdays—Saloons, Clubs, Hospitals.  
Sundays and other days—Oahu Jail.

It is stated on good authority that Mike Slavinski, the Ed Towse of Kakaako, will shortly deliver a lecture at the Kakaako Mission on "The Influence of the Hawaiian Climate on Vodka." This will be the first of a series of temperance talks planned by Slavinski.

The Iwilei Improvement Club met last night in the house of Cornelius O'Hara better known as "The Fighting Irishman of the Fertilizer Works." It was decided to wait in a body on the supervisors and demand the loan of Chemical No. 1 for house-cleaning and disinfecting purposes. Since the inauguration of the club the appearance of the residential part of the Iwilei district has been greatly improved. Empty beer bottles which were formerly thrown into the street are now neatly festooned over porch and veranda and when the night wind rattles them one against the other an effect is produced which is as eerie as it is charming. A new use has also been found for empty cans for they are now used as borders for the garden-patches in which the home-builders of the district grow their onions, cabbages and other garden truck. "The Iwilei Social Club now boasts of 57 members, including the most prominent men and women in the neighborhood. Dances are frequently held and progressive craps for cash prizes claims quite a number of devotees. There are undoubtedly some of the best crap-shooters in the Territory living in the Iwilei district and it is the intention of the Improvement club to inaugurate a championship tournament open to all comers in the near future provided that the police can be made to see that such an event is desirable from a purely sporting standpoint, and their sanction obtained.

Ching Chop Sing, a recent arrival from the Chinatown of San Francisco, will shortly open an eating-house on Maunakea street where catfish dead and alive will be made a specialty. It is understood that Ching Chop Sing

has acquired the exclusive catfish rights in the Kapiolani Park lagoon. The new restaurant will be known as On Ho Wong Choy Loy, which is Chinese for "The Hot Cat."

## TRIPOLI BATTLE WAS REAL FIGHT

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Daily Telegraph's war correspondent, Bennett Burleigh, sends this dispatch to his paper from Tripoli: "The Italians have won their first land battle in fine shape. Friendly Arabs gave the Italians warning of a probable attack by the Turks. They said that the Turks would no doubt attempt to enter Tripoli at night."

"Ample precautions were taken to re-enforce the posts, particularly the new works to the south. The war ships were about four miles off shore. The Turks were discovered about one in the morning advancing in two columns, supported by field guns. They numbered about 3000. Fortunately it was bright moonlight, and the Italians ashore were judiciously assisted by the searchlights."

"All night the Turks approached Tripoli in good order. There were thousands supported by native auxiliaries. When they were within a few hundred yards the marines from the works and trenches poured into their ranks a tremendous fire, supported by machine guns and field artillery."

**Turks Make Brave Fight.**  
"The intended Turkish surprise entirely failed, but the Ottomans stood to the attack courageously, replying to the intrenched Italians with heavy fire and striving to press home the action first on the west. The Italian marines, however, were not shaken. They were undaunted and fought most brilliantly, firing with steady and deadly accuracy. They beat back every attempt of the enemy. From 1:30 to 2 a. m. the rifle fire was fierce. After that it dwindled and ceased. The enemy retreated with

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